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## UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT

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**ORDER** 

April 15, 2021

Before

MICHAEL S. KANNE, Circuit Judge DIANE P. WOOD, Circuit Judge DAVID F. HAMILTON, Circuit Judge



	JOANNE TROESCH and IFEOMA NKEMDI, on behalf of themselves and the putative class, Plaintiffs - Appellants
No. 21-1525	V.
	CHICAGO TEACHERS UNION, LOCAL UNION NO. 1,
	AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS and THE
	BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO,

Defendants - Appellees

## **Originating Case Information:**

District Court No: 1:20-cv-02682

Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division

District Judge John Z. Lee

The following are before the court:

- 1. **MOTION TO DISMISS OR STAY**, filed on March 29, 2021, by counsel for Appellee Board of Education of the City of Chicago.
- 2. APPELLEE CHICAGO TEACHERS UNION'S JOINDER IN MOTION TO DISMISS OR STAY, filed on March 31, 2021, by counsel for Appellee Chicago Teachers Union.

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3. **APPELLANTS' RESPONSE TO MOTION TO DISMISS OR STAY**, filed on April 5, 2021, by counsel for appellants.

JoAnne Troesch and Ifeoma Nkemdi appeal the dismissal of their complaint alleging that the Board of Education of the City of Chicago and the Chicago Teachers Union violated the First Amendment by permitting union members to stop their dues payments only during an annual escape period. The parties agree that the outcome of Troesch and Nkemdi's appeal is controlled by our recent decision in *Bennett v. Council* 31 of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees, 991 F.3d 724 (7th Cir. 2021), in which we held that it does not violate the First Amendment for a union to continue deducting dues that an employee voluntarily agreed to pay. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is **GRANTED** and the judgment of the district court is summarily **AFFIRMED**.

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